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Freetown Church, also known as Mount Vernon A.M.E. Church, near Gamaliel. Photo: Brian Stansberry / Creative Commons. Used with permission.

MONROE COUNTY: CHURCH REFLECTS MEMBERS' HERITAGE

When it started, the Mount Vernon A.M.E. Church was known as Freetown Church. The building dates to 1848 and was built by freed slaves George Pipkin, Albert Howard and Peter West. Pipkin and Howard had been slaves of William Howard, as were many Freetown residents. The church doubled as a school for 70 years. Services ended there in the 1940s and the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.



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